Doubling of Madras-Bangalore Line

1131. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total distance of railway line between Madras and Bangalore which has been doubled;

(b) whether there is any proposal to double the remaining portion of the said line during 1992-93; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The distance between Madras Central and Bangalore City is 358 km. and out of it 277 km has already been doubled.

(b) and (c). Doubling between Kuppam and Whitefield (81 m.) has been proposed in the budget for 1992-93.

Restoration of Dhubri-Gauhati Train Services

1132. SHRI NURUL ISLAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to restore Dhubri-Gauhati train service;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). It is proposed to restore the train during April, 1992 subject to security clearance from the State Government of Assam.

New Railway Projects

1133. SHRI ANNA JOSHI:
SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Railway projects started during 1991-92, zone-wise;

(b) the expected year of completion of each of such project and the cost thereof; and

(c) the details of the programme for taking up new railway projects during the Eighth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). A statement is attached.

(c) Eighth Plan has not yet been finalised.